
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, April 1, 2021

TIME: 5:00 PM

PLACE: Virtual Meeting via WebEx

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [62](#)

BY Goldin, Valverde, DiMario, Mendes, Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --

CONFIDENTIALITY OF HEALTH CARE COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION ACT {LC744/1} (Requires health insurers to accommodate the request for communication in the form and format requested by the insured.)

01/19/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

03/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [169](#)

BY Euer, Miller, Coyne, DiMario, Lawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LABORATORIES

{LC611/1} (Creates a comprehensive system to promote and regulate the effective and competent administration of medical laboratories by focusing on the training, qualifications and licensure of their practitioners.)

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

03/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [171](#)

BY DiPalma, Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE RHODE ISLAND

RARE DISEASE MEDICATION ACCESSIBILITY, AFFORDABILITY, AND REINSURANCE ACT {LC494/1} (Establishes within the executive office of health and human services a program, informed by an advisory council, to assure equitable financing and facilitate access to medication for rare diseases.)

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

03/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [303](#)

BY Gallo, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -

INTERSTATE COMPACT TO AWARD PRIZES FOR CURING DISEASES {LC1209/1}

(Adopts Interstate Compact to Award Prizes for Curing Diseases with a commission established upon enactment by 6 states to award prizes successful disease cures.)

02/18/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

03/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [379](#)

BY Mack, Calkin, Mendes, Anderson, Acosta, Bell, Euer, Valverde, DiMario, Miller
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE {LC1412/1} (Requires auditor general to conduct audit of Medicaid programs administered by MCOs.)

02/25/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

03/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [495](#)

BY Miller, Valverde, Goldin, DiMario

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- RHODE ISLAND HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE ACT OF 2008 {LC1479/1} (Provides patients opportunity to opt out of information disclosure under HIE.)

03/04/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

03/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [650](#)

BY Coyne, Sosnowski, Miller, Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENCES {LC2436/1} (Requires department of health to establish an informal dispute resolution to address any changes to department of health violations.)

03/18/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

03/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [651](#)

BY Coyne, DiMario, Kallman, Quezada, Valverde, Sosnowski, Gallo, Lawson, de la Cruz, Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - THE BREAST CANCER ACT {LC1756/1} (Allows individuals to be sent breast cancer screening results by mail, electronically or otherwise.)

03/18/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

03/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Resolution No. [711](#)

BY Archambault

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THAT THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH INCREASE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF ACTIVITIES THAT EXPOSE PEOPLE TO TICKS, BETTER EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE SYMPTOMS OF LYME DISEASE AND THE IMPORTANCE OF EARLY DETECTION, AND UPDATE THEIR FINDINGS, DATA, AND PHYSICIAN PROTOCOLS WITH REGARDS TO THE EARLY DETECTION AND TREATMENT OF LYME DISEASE {LC2403/1}

03/26/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

03/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [713](#)

(Dept. of Health)

BY Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - OFFICE OF STATE MEDICAL EXAMINERS {LC2214/1} (Removes the sunset provision on the requirement that the office of state medical examiners be responsible for a multidisciplinary team review of drug related overdose deaths.)

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The State House continues to be closed to the public at this time.

This meeting will be streamed live online through Capitol TV

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TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL

Written testimony is encouraged and can be submitted to the committee by emailing it to: slegislation@rilegislature.gov

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 2:00 PM on Thursday, April 1, 2021, in order for it to be provided to the members of the committee at the hearing and to be included in the meeting records.

Members of the public can request to provide verbal testimony to the committee through the following link: [VERBAL TESTIMONY](#)

***Requests to provide verbal testimony must be submitted by 4:00 PM on Wednesday, March 31, 2021.**

Ryan Duxbury
Committee Clerk

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